(ख) चालू मौसम 1992-93 के दौरान गुजरात में चीनी का उत्पादन 15 फरवरी, 1993 तक 4.34 लाख टन (अनंतिम) हुआ था जबकि पिछले मौसम की इसी तारीख तक यह उत्पादन 4.21 लाख टन था । इस प्रकार गुजरात में चीनी के उत्पादन में 3.09 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है।

(ग) अपेक्षित सूचना निम्न प्रकार है:-

चीनी वर्ष (अक्तूबर-सितम्बर)	उत्पादन (लाख टन)
1989-90	6.67
1990-91	8.32
1991-92 (अनंतिम)	7.33

Hike in wheat and rice prices

2172. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering withdrawal of hike in wheat and rice prices recently announced; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Periodic revision of the Central issue Prices (ex-FCI godown) of wheat and rice becomes necessary to partially absorb the increase in the procurement cost of foodgrains on account of increases, allowed in the minimum support prices/procurement prices. Even after the recent increases of the Central Issue Prices (CIP) of wheat by Rs. 50.00 per quintal and of rice by Rs. 60.00 per quintal for all the three varities, viz. common, fine and superfine with effect from 11th January, 1993, Government will continue to bear a heavy burden in 1993-94 on account of subsidies on these foodgrains at Rs. 229.06 per quintal for wheat and Rs. 149.04 per quintal for rice.

गुजरात में चलते-फिरते खाद्य और पोषण विस्तार एकक

2173. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या **खाद्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में कार्यरत चलते-फिरते खाद्य और पोषण विस्तार एककों की जिलेवार संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार गुजरात के और जिलों में भी ऐसे एकक शुरू करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो गुजरात के प्रत्येक जिले में ऐसे एकक कब तक शुरू किए जायेंगे ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) गुजरात में दो सामुदायिक खाद्य तथा पोषाहार विस्तार यूनिट हैं । इनमें से एक यूनिट अहमदाबाद में और एक वलसाड में है ।

(ख) से (घ) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Fixing of sugarcane price

2174. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what price for sugarcane has been fixed in the states of Punjab Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for the current season;

(b) whether the Government of India had ascertained the cost of sugarcane cultivation per acre for these States before fixing the price of sugarcane;

(c) if so, by which method;

(b) if not, the reason thereof; and

(e) what was the amount of profit made by the Sugar Industry during the period from 1990 to 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available information, the State Advised Cane Prices, depending upon the varieties, payable at mill gate in Punjab, UP and Bihar are as folows:—

(Rs. per quintal)

	Rs.
Punjab	46-50
U.P.	46.49
Bihar	46.49

(b) to (d) Before announcing the Statutory Minimum Price, the Central Government considers the report submitted by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). The CACP while formualting its recommendations, *inter alia*, takes into account the cost of production also.

(e) Data in this regard is not maintained in the Ministry.

Import of food

2175. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the details of imports of food made during the current year or agreed to be imported in course of subsequent year;

(b) whether it is a fact that inspite of sufficient stocks available in the country Government have resorted to imports at the instance of other countries; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) For the current year 1992-93, the details of import of foodgrains (wheat and rice) are given below:—

WHEAT: A total of 2.99 million tonnes of wheat has been contracted for imports. This is composed of 10.05 lakh tonnes of Canadian wheat contracted on 19.6.92 at an average FOB price of US $147.78 per tonne, 10 lakh tonnes of Australian wheat (5 lakh MTs contracted on 25.8.92 on FOB price of US $ 137.50 PMT and 5 lakh M.Ts contracted on 8.10.92 at the FOB price of US $ 135 per tonne) and 9.85 lakh tonnes of US wheat contracted on 6.10.92 at an average FOB price of US $ 111.83 per tonne.

RICE: A quantity of 2.15 lakh tonnes of rice at the rate of US $ 130 PMT (FOB) has been contracted for import from Vietnam. It is composed of 1.40 lakh tonnes of rice on Commercial basis and 0.75 lakh tonnes of rice against payment of interest dues on old Commodity Loans outstanding against Vietnam.

No other contract or agreement has so far been signed for import of wheat and rice during the subsequent year i.e. the financial year 1993-94.

(b) and (c) Import of foodgrains is resorted to as and when there is a need to improve stocks in the Central Pool for supply to Public Distribution System and also to contain rising prices in the open market by improving the overall availability of foodgrains.